

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH TAREE
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC PARISH WINGHAM
 Mass centres of Cundletown, Harrington, Lansdowne & Old Bar

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

18TH OF MARCH 2018

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

18TH OF MARCH

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

Create a clean heart in me, O God .

SECOND READING: Heb 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

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GOSPEL: Jn 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

REFLECTION

The moment of eschatological fulfilment gathers together the sense of the past ('the days when Christ was in the flesh'), the future ('the days are coming'), and the present ('the hour has come'). We live in the time when the past and the future are made present; we live in the 'already-but-not-yet' time of anticipation/fulfilment. This is a moment of great ambiguity, of fear and trepidation but of electric excitement. It is a moment of decision. We hover at the edge of dawn, weighing whether or not to step forward into the new day or to return to the darkness of night. This 'hour' brings a new covenant, a deep interior relationship with God that is not based on law but which overflows from a commitment of the heart. It brings an abundant harvest that springs from a simple grain of wheat. It brings a promise from God's own Son that those who serve him will be honoured by God, and those who obey him will enjoy eternal life. Although the 'hour' brings all of these blessings, it only does so with a price. The new covenant could only be written on new hearts; the abundant harvest sprang from the dying grain of wheat; eternal salvation was won at the price of Christ's blood. As challenging as the message of these readings may be, the last note is one of hope. It can overcome the demons that control us, because it is the power of the almighty God.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

25TH OF MARCH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

SECOND READING: Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

GOSPEL: Mk 14:1 - 15:47

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark .

PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES

SICK: Patricia Wolfenden, Sue Davis, Judy Nies, John O'Keefe, Barry Armitage, Mary McCaffrey, Maree Dunne, Linda Norris, Maureen Barrett, Gloria Ellis, Mikala Corben, Sonia Pinkerton, Jim Wills, Sue Berry, Margaret Boyton, Bev Crouch, Lawrence Mattheson, Margaret Baker, Jennifer Anne Corben, Peter Holden, Robert MacGregor, Mary Headley, Bill Walker, Carmel Matheson, Steven Ralph, Carol Healey, Janora Senders, Terry Mason, Jim Canty, Raymond McBriarty and Tony Fionette.

ANNIVERSARIES : Sr. Rita Casey, Bernard Casey, Mary Standen, Kevin Standen, Collin Mills, Hilda Pensini, Noel Greenaway and Kathleen Sullivan.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 19TH MARCH, 2018 **ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED**

VIRGIN MARY

10.00am Meditation Group- Old Pres
1.45pm Prayer for Priests
7.00pm-9.00pm RCIA-Res C

TUESDAY 20TH MARCH

10am Women's Prayer Grp-Old Library
9.30-11.00am T&W Library open
10.30-11.30am Old Bar Church open for prayers & Rosary
10.30am Lansdowne School Service
12.00pm Men's Bible Study Grp-Old Pres
5.30pm Taree Mass
After Mass-Altar Servers Practice for Easter OLR Taree
Power off in Taree and Harrington Churches

WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH

8.50am Taree MMP Prayer for Priests
9.30am Taree Mass
10.30am Bushland Place mass
5.30pm T&W PPC meeting

THURSDAY 22ND OF MARCH

9.30am Taree Mass-OLR
9.30am No school mass
5.15pm T Finance Council meeting-Old Lib
6.00pm RCIC Reconciliation

FRIDAY 23RD OF MARCH

9.00am Taree Mass
9.30am Taree Exposition
9.30am Stations of the Cross Harrington
11.00am Wingham Mass
3.00pm Old Bar Exposition & MMP
6.30pm Stations of the Cross Cundletown.
7.00pm Stations of the Cross Old Bar

SATURDAY 24TH OF MARCH

11am-12pm Taree Reconciliation
5.30pm Taree Rosary
6pm Taree Mass
6pm Harrington Mass

SUNDAY 25TH OF MARCH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7.00am Old Bar Rosary
7.30am Old Bar Mass
7.50am Wingham Rosary
8-8:20am Wingham Reconciliation
8.30am Wingham Mass
9am Taree Rosary
9.30am Taree Mass
Morning tea after mass
6.00pm Cundletown Mass
6.00pm Lansdowne SCAE

CHRISM MASS

The annual Chrism Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 7pm on Tuesday 27th March to receive the holy oils. We urgently need volunteers to attend this mass and collect the holy oils on behalf of your Mass Centre. Please contact the Parish Office on 6552 1084 if interested.

REQUEST FOR ADVERTISERS

Do you run a business-in town from home or online? Have you considered advertising in your Parish Paper? If interested please contact Eveline Knepp 65560430.

RCIC UPDATES

Reconciliation for RCIC candidates will be held on Thursday 22nd March at 6.00pm-parishioners are also invited to attend.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Anyone who can provide flowers for Easter please bring to Sacristy on Saturday morning 31st March at 9.00am.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Morning tea provided by Couples for Christ will be held after Mass on Palm Sunday 25th March to Acknowledge Altar servers, Choir members and RCIA team.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE—OLR TAREE

Choir rehearsals for the Easter Triduum will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree on Monday 26th March from 7.00pm to 9.00pm .

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Begins on Good Friday for 9 consecutive days leading up to the feast of Divine Mercy to be celebrated on the 8th of April commencing at 2pm. We can pray this Chaplet for our own personal use or we can offer it for the daily intentions dictated by Our Lord to St Faustina. This leaflet will be available in the church next week if anyone would like a copy.

ALTAR SERVERS-training for Easter after 5.30pm Mass Tuesday 20th March.

+ RCIA +

Monday 7.00pm-9.00pm
Taree Resource Centre

Next meeting will be held on Monday the 19th of March
Topic: Lenten Program
All Welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be held at St. Patrick's Church Cundletown at 6.30pm each Friday during Lent Old Bar at 7.00pm and Harrington at 9:30am. All welcome.

WINGHAM PARISH

- ◆ Wingham needs 2 representatives to attend the Chrism mass at Cathedral at Hamilton on Tuesday 27th march to receive the Oils.
- ◆ Volunteers are urgently required to help with Liturgy, Banners and Rostering. Please contact Von Hobson 565534219 or Helen Scriven 65508062.
- ◆ Urgently need musicians and singers for the Easter Triduum at Wingham. Please contact Helen Scriven on 65508062or Von Hobson 65534219.
- ◆ Choir Practice for Easter at Wingham will be held on Saturday mornings at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 10am. All Welcome.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING THEIR GRANDCHILDREN -MORNING TEA

Are you a grandparent who is raising their grandchild/children? Come along for our morning tea. Meet other grandparents who are in similar circumstances. Chat about the good times and the challenges. Share the resources you have found. Be with other grandparents who understands how your life has changed.

Where: SAKG Room, St Joey's

Time: 10:30am

When: 3rd Wednesday of the month
(not School Holidays)